

## Moline and East Moline

## MOLINE COURT MAY DETERMINE DEATH DAMAGES

Damage suits aggregating \$80,000 on four specific complaints arising from the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. George McMaster and Mrs. John Condo in an automobile and train crash near Kewanee in August, 1919, may be tried in the Moline city court next month, it was indicated today.

John Barton Payne and the Burlington railroad are named defendants in all the suits. The former was acting as railroad administrator when the fatal accident occurred.

Ten thousand dollars each will be asked by the administrators for the separate estates of Mr. and Mrs. McMaster and Mrs. Condo. Mr. Condo, who was seriously injured when his wife and the McMasters lost their lives, submitted to an operation last week in which it was found necessary to amputate one of his legs.

Mr. Condo is seeking to recover \$50,000. It was explained today that the most which may be asked in a damage suit involving death is \$10,000 in this state. Thus, in addition to Mr. Condo's claim for \$50,000, those of the three separate estates bring the sum total to \$80,000.

Final disposition as to whether the trial will be held in Moline next month will be determined tomorrow morning, George Schrader, clerk of the court, said today. A motion and trial list has been arranged to be heard at 11 a. m.

It was reported that a dozen other cases will come before the next term of the Moline court.

## ASK FOR 5 YEAR NAVAL CUT DOWN

Borah Introduces Resolution to Negotiate With England and Japan to Reduce Navies.

Washington, Dec. 14.—A resolution requesting the president to open negotiations with Great Britain and Japan for an agreement to reduce naval building programs 50 per cent for the next five years was introduced in the senate today by Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho.

The resolution would declare it to be the opinion of congress that the United States would make such a reduction if an agreement could be brought about, and asserted that the navies of Great Britain and Japan were the only ones of power sufficient to require American attention.

Senator Borah offered his resolution Secretary Daniels was before the house naval committee strongly opposing such a proposal.

"It would be a blunder almost equal to a crime," he said, "for the United States to enter into an alliance with any two or three nations, either to suspend or curtail naval building or for any other purpose. It would certainly make for suspicion among the other nations of the world."

"I profoundly believe that the United States should not take a 5-year naval holiday as it has been rumored England and Japan will suggest to this country. I wish that we could have a world agreement that would settle disputes without recourse to arms, but until that comes, and comes surely, we ought to carry out our naval building program."

**CHRISTMAS PLANS.** Old-fashioned Christmas festivities have been planned by members of the Second Congregational church choir for production next Sunday evening at 7:30 in the church.

The event will be patterned after old-time Christmas carol services as preserved to this day by several noted churches in New York City. The carol will be directed by Ted Bunting, social secretary of the Y. M. C. A. and formerly of New York.

Some of the carols will be sung in French noels (in English), which are features of the annual Christmas concert of the Musical Art society of New York.

Choir members have been rehearsing their roles for several weeks.

**CLASSES IN SWING.** Educational classes of the Moline Y. M. C. A. are now in full swing and many men are taking advantage of the opportunity to invest their time in these evening courses. Enrollments are now being received for the second term of the automobile class, which opens Jan. 4. Schedule of classes follows:

Automobile, Tuesday and Friday—Roy Butterfield, instructor. Salesmanship, Wednesday—C. E. Hubert. Cost accounting, Tuesday—Matthew Keck. Advertising, Tuesday—H. W. Harrington. Public speaking—J. P. Ryan.

**MORE SCARLET FEVER.** Today's quarantine record listed another scarlet fever case. The case is Myra Martinson, Willard school girl, residing at 1805 Sixteenth street.

## STORAGE PLANT MODEL EDIFICE

Crandall Warehouse Company Opens One of Best Structures in Widespread Area.

The new Crandall storage and warehouse plant at Twelfth street and Fourth avenue, Moline, which was put in operation this week, is reputed to be one of the most commodious and model structures of its kind between Chicago and Des Moines.

The new plant is located on the northeast corner of the above intersection. It has a 32-foot frontage and a depth of 116 feet. It is estimated that the cost of construction will amount to nearly \$250,000. Whitlitt and Schulzke were the architects. General contracting was completed by the Bergstedt Construction company.

The firm is transacting business from its new quarters, but the formal opening of the plant has been deferred until interior construction has been completed. It is expected that the plant will be open for public inspection about the middle of next month, according to H. J. Crandall, president and manager.

The plant, when complete, will be one of the best storage warehouses in the country. Every precaution for the care and preservation of stores has been made, company officials said today.

## Moline Obituary

**John Streed.** Funeral services for John Streed, 2435 Fourth avenue, were held at 2:30 yesterday afternoon in the Esterdahl chapel, Rev. C. O. Morland officiating. Mrs. P. E. Johnson and Mrs. Gust Holm rendered vocal numbers, and pallbearers were Arthur Hedberg, Earle Hedberg, Wallace Anderson, Rolfe Anderson, Melvin Beckstrom and Warren Streed, all grandsons of the deceased.

There was a profusion of flowers and many friends were present. Interment was in the mausoleum in Riverside cemetery.

**LOSES FOUR FINGERS.** James Zimmer, 350 Ninth street, a punch press operator at the D. M. Sechler factory, lost four fingers of his right hand while working at the plant last night.

Zimmer was withdrawing a piece of metal from a bending die when the machine fell on his hand and snapped off four fingers. Officials of the company state the machine operator probably forgot to take his foot from the power lever. Zimmer is at city hospital under care of Dr. A. T. Leipold.

**PRENDERGAST ENGAGED.** Joseph Prendergast of Rock Island has been engaged to direct the minstrel-revue of the Moline Federation of girls' clubs of the Moline high school, which is scheduled for production Jan. 18, 19 and 20.

Mr. Prendergast will be assisted by Morgan Sexton of Rock Island in rehearsing the chorus. Waldo Schoessel of the Moline Community band has been engaged as musical director.

Twenty songs hits of the season's most popular musical productions, will be introduced during the first half of the minstrel. The olio will be featured by half a dozen Moline entertainers. Fifty girls will appear in the chorus.

The first rehearsal for the event will be held Friday night at 7:30 in the girls' clubrooms.

**GROCERY RIFLED.** Moline police are wondering whether this item means a burglary, a prank or merely a mysterious disappearance. Here it is:

When P. H. Buhle entered his grocery at 4111 Fifth avenue this morning he discovered an open window and noticed that a half dozen cigars and several packages of potato chips were missing.

That is all. The cash was not touched, nor was the candy, the cookies and the merchandise. The window which was open this morning had not been locked last night.

**THIRTY CANDIDATES.** Places on the Moline high school debating teams are being sought by 30 candidates and the task of determining an appropriate theme has already commenced, although the Big Eight competition will not begin until March 18.

The school reports the largest debating class in its history. Three members of last year's teams—Louis Walker, John Ransom and Charles Salko—will have plenty of competition to hold their places this season, it is said.

Miss Grace Weed, of the faculty, who has had full charge of the teams in the past, has asked for an additional member in view of the increased classes.

**Toledo Seed.** Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 14.—Wheat: Cash, \$2.00.

Clover seed: Prime, cash \$12.00; cash (1920) \$12.20; December, \$12.20; January, \$12.30; February, \$12.45; March, \$12.40.

Timothy: Prime, cash, \$3.40; cash (1919), \$3.50; December, January and February, \$3.65; March, \$3.67.

**St. Louis Cash Grain.** St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 14.—Cash wheat: No. 2 red winter, \$2.55; No. 3, \$2.02.

Corn: No. 3 white, 72¢/73¢; No. 2 white, 60¢/61¢; No. 3, 50¢/51¢.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

## RED ACTIVITIES WORST MENACE, CLUB MEN TOLD

Quin O'Brien, Chicago Attorney, Warns of Bolshevik Peril and Need of Drastic Cure.

The menace of bolshevism is stronger now than ever before and it is America's patriotic duty to bend further to the task of uprooting it before it expands, Quin O'Brien, Chicago attorney, warned the nation in an address last night before the Moline After-Dinner club.

Mr. O'Brien exposed what he believes are the insidious factors that are striving to eat their way toward the hearts of the American government, its institutions and its industries. He urged that the bolsheviks be apprehended and deported on a much larger scale than before.

"Overt insults to the American people and their flag indicate that we must use the utmost force to suppress this growing menace," he urged. "They are calling the flag a 'dirty rag.' They are maligning the government and its institutions daily. They have become a dangerous force in American industry. We should punish them as traitors."

The speaker used forceful eloquence in driving home his warning.

"Radical socialists are gaining control of many of our leading colleges and universities," he explained. "Socialists hold chairs of political economy and sociology in most of our universities. They are plotting to divide the opposition by starting a race war, by inaugurating a drive against the Masonic order and by inciting jealousy among the allied nations."

In addition to these, Attorney O'Brien declared that socialists are defying the government and urging revolution in all the large cities of the country.

**Reds Overrun U. S.** "There are more bolsheviks in the United States than in Russia," he said. "One-third of European legislators are socialists. They have control of labor. Both England and France are at their mercy. We should be appalled by the condition in America. None knows how close bolshevism is to our industries, but we may all know within a few months."

The bolsheviks are spreading the doctrines of a carefully planned revolution in this country, was the speaker's warning. He insisted that America become the great saving force of the world, declaring that this nation owes the world a reestablishment of peace.

**Moline Briefs**

John Yates, Danville, Ill., was fined \$3 for drunkenness in Moline police court today after being fined \$50 yesterday in Davenport for carrying a concealed weapon.

What was believed to have been a burglar caught in the act of entering the Delaporte jewelry store, 402 Fifteenth street, Moline, this morning, proved on investigation to have been the ringing of a burglar alarm, caused by crossed electric light wires.

Arthur A. Gustafson, former Moline resident, has been promoted to the position of southwestern representative of the Cleveland Trade-actor company. Mr. Gustafson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gustafson, same address, and has arrived to spend the holidays with his parents.

**Silver.** New York, Dec. 14.—Bar silver, domestic 99½, foreign 62½; Mexican dollars, 47½.

**Money and Exchange.** New York, Dec. 14.—Prime mercantile paper, 7½ to 8 per cent.

Exchange, irregular. Sterling, commercial 60 days' bills on banks 3.41½; commercial 60 days' bills 3.41; demand 3.46, cables 3.46½; France, demand 5.34, cables 5.38; Belgium francs, demand 6.13, cables 6.15; guilders, demand 30.60, cables 30.70; lire, demand 3.40, cables 3.46; marks, demand 1.34, cables 1.35; Greece, demand 7.35.

New York exchange on Montreal, 13 15-16 per cent discounts. Government bonds, irregular; railroad bonds, irregular.

Time loans, firm; 60 days, 90 days, 6 months, 7½ to 7¾ per cent. Call money, steady; high, 7; low, 7; ruling rate 7; closing bid, 6; offered at 7; last loan, 7; bank acceptances, 6½ per cent.

**Horses and Mules.** East St. Louis, Ill., Dec. 14.—Horses and mules, unchanged.

**Liberty Bonds.** New York, Dec. 14.—Prices of Liberty bonds at noon today, were: 3½s, 90.00; first 4s, 85.50; second 4s, 85.10; first 4½s, 86.04; second 4½s, 85.10; third 4½s, 87.94; fourth 4½s, 85.24; Victory 3½s, 95.20; Victory 4½s, 95.24.

**Kansas City Cash Grain.** Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 14.—Cash wheat: 1c to 3c higher; No. 1 hard, \$1.70 to \$1.82; No. 2, \$1.69 to \$1.81½; No. 1 red, \$2.02; No. 2, \$2.00.

Corn: 1c to 3c higher; No. 3 mixed, 68¢; No. 2 white, 71¢/72¢; No. 3, 70¢; No. 2 yellow, 71¢/72¢; No. 3, 69¢/70¢.

Oats: Unchanged; No. 2 white, 41¢; No. 3 mixed, 46¢/47¢.

**Chicago Produce**

Dec. 14, 1920.

Butter—Creamery extras ..... 49 @ Standards ..... 43 @ Firsts ..... 38 @ 44½ Seconds ..... 33 @ 35 Eggs—Ordinaries ..... 65 @ 70 Firsts ..... 73 @ 75 Cheddar ..... 19½ @ Twines ..... 19½ @ Live Poultry—Fowls ..... 16 @ 24 Ducks ..... 26 @ 28 Geese ..... 24 @ 26 Springs ..... 24 @ 26 Turkeys ..... 38 @ 40 Roosters ..... 20 @ 22 Poultry—Receipts—37 cars. Wisconsin ..... 1.25 @ 1.40 Minnesota ..... 1.25 @ 1.40

**Chicago Cash Grain.** Chicago, Dec. 14.—Wheat: No. 2 red, 2.01 to 2.06; No. 3 red, 1.82; No. 1 hard, 1.84; No. 2 hard, 1.81½; No. 2 mixed, 1.84½; No. 1 northern, 1.82½; 1 dark, northern, 1.87; No. 2 dark, northern, 1.76½; No. 3 dark, northern, 1.66½; No. 3 mixed, 75¢; No. 4 mixed, 72¢/73¢; No. 5 mixed, 69¢/70¢; No. 2 yellow, 81½¢/82¢; No. 3 yellow, 75¢/77¢; No. 4 yellow, 72¢/76¢; No. 5 yellow, 70½¢/71¢; No. 2 white, 72¢/74¢; No. 4 white, 70½¢/71½¢; No. 5 white, 69¢/70¢; sample grade, white, 77¢.

Oats: No. 2 white, 50¢/50½¢; No. 3 white, 49¢/50¢; No. 4 white, 48¢/49¢.

## RUMOR OF GRAIN LIQUIDATION HELPS MARKET

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Fresh strength developed in the wheat market today largely owing to indications that the period of liquidation in grain was at an end. Congressional action looking to relief of agricultural interests was also generally regarded as a bullish factor. Export demand together with the fact that only 15,000,000 bushels of the visible supply of wheat is at western terminals counted likewise in favor of an advance in prices. Opening quotations, which varied from ¼¢ off to 1½¢ gain, with December 1.69 to 1.70 and March 1.61½ to 1.63 were followed by a sharp upturn all around, and then something of a reaction.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Subsequently, evening-up for the government report due after the close had a further bullish influence, but not of a lasting sort. The close was unsettled, 1½¢ to ¾¢ net higher with December \$1.70 and March \$1.64½ to \$1.65.

Corn displayed independent strength. After opening at ¼¢ decline to ¼¢ advance, including May 72¢ to 72½¢, the market scored a general upturn.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Toward the last, the market was poorly supported. Prices closed nervous ¾¢ to 1½¢ net higher with May 72½¢ to 72¾¢.

Oats were lifted by the action of other cereals, starting unchanged to ¼¢ lower, May 49½¢, and then quickly hardening.

Lower quotations on hogs weakened the provisions market.

**NEW YORK CURE**

At Monmouth at 1:40 p. m. and 8:50 a. m. and at 6:05 p. m.

Industrials—Open. Close. Aetna Explosives ..... 9½ 9½ Am. Writing Paper ..... 5½ 5½ Automatic Fuel ..... 67½ 67½ Briscoe Motors ..... 10 10 Carbon Steel ..... 34½ 34½ Cleveland Motors ..... 46 45½ Empire Tube ..... 17½ 17½ General Asphalt ..... 35½ 34½ Libby ..... 12 12 Lima Locomotive ..... 65 65 Lincoln Motor ..... 20 20 Locomobile ..... 2 2 Mercer Motor ..... 5½ 6 Munson Furniture ..... 14½ 14½ N. Y. Shipbuilding ..... 28½ 27½ N. American Pulp ..... 4½ 4½ Peerless Motors ..... 20½ 20½ Perfectum Tire ..... 1½ 1½ Philip Morris ..... 2¼ 2¼ Sweets ..... 2¼ 2¼ Swift International ..... 26 26 Union Carbide ..... 49 48½ United Profit ..... 1½ 1½ United Retail Candy ..... 8½ 8½ U. S. Distributing ..... 29 29½ Willis 1st prfd. ..... 31 32 Oils and Mining—Allied Oil ..... 13½ 14½ Boone ..... 1½ 1½ Calumet ..... 16 17½ Candelaria ..... 12 12 Elk Basin ..... 8 7½ Esmeralda ..... 1-16 1-16 Glen Rock ..... 2 2½ Lyons Pet ..... 1½ 1½ Maracibo ..... 14½ 14½ Merritt ..... 11½ 11½ Nipissing ..... 7½ 7½ Pennock ..... 5½ 5½ Silver King Div. ..... 2 2 Simplot ..... 1¼ 6½ Yukon Gold ..... 1¼ 1¼ Bonds—Am. Tel. & Sav. Bk. ..... 94½ 94½ Armour 7s ..... 95 94½ Beth. Steel 1s ..... 94½ 94½ Goodrich 7s ..... 85½ 84½ Morse 7½s ..... 96 85½ Morse 7s ..... 96 85½ Ohio Cities G. S. 1925 ..... 91½ 91½ Sears 7s one yr ..... 89½ 89½ Sinclair 7½s ..... 89½ 89½ Swift 6s ..... 98 98

**Local Stocks and Bonds**

(Quotations furnished by Greenfield Brokerage Co., 228 Safety Bldg. Phone B. 1. 4448.)

Nov. 12, 1920. Bid. Asked. Amer. Trust & Sav. Bk. ..... 130 135 Armour, prfd. ..... 85 80 All-American Stores ..... 3 3¼ Continental Petroleum ..... 5 6 Deere & Co. com. ..... 65 70 Deere & Co. prfd. ..... 80 80 DuPont Rubber Co. prfd. ..... 73 74 Elgin Motor ..... 6 6½ Goodhue Tire ..... 65 67 Inverair Oil & Ref. ..... 17½ 18½ Kawfild Oil ..... 20 22 Little Sioux Oil ..... 30 35 Lone Green Tire ..... 35 43 Moline Oil ..... 95 100 Moline Pulp Co. com. ..... 60 65 Moline Pulp Co. prfd. ..... 63 65 Mike Henry Oil ..... 6 7 Metro. 5 to 50c Stores, prfd. ..... 65 66 Moline Pulp Co. com. ..... 37 38 Moline Pulp Co. prfd. ..... 110 120 National Oil K. C. ..... 15 16 Occo Petroleum ..... 110 120 Progressive Oil & Ref. com. ..... 80 80 Quaker Oil, prfd. ..... 85 86 Quaker Oil & Ref. com. ..... 18 19 Roe Motor ..... 17 18 Root & VanderVoort ..... 17 18 Republic Truck ..... 17 18 Sauer-Rosen Ind. prfd. ..... 100 100 Sears Roebuck, prfd. ..... 102 103 Sinclair Oil ..... 23 23½ T. C. Oil ..... 18 19 United L. & Ry. prfd. ..... 54 56 United L. & Ry. com. ..... 20 22 Vette Motor, 7½ prfd. com. ..... 93 93 Willis Overland, prfd. com. ..... 33 32½ Willis Overland, com. ..... 6 6½

**Chicago Potatoes.** Chicago, Dec. 14.—Potatoes, receipts, 78 cars; market dull; Northern Whites, sacked, 1.20 to 1.35 per cwt.; bulk, 1.25 to 1.40 per cwt.; Idaho Rurals, sacked, 1.50 to 1.55 per cwt.

**Kansas City Livestock.** Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 14.—Cattle receipts, 12,000; very dull; most killing cattle selling unevenly 25c lower; bulk steers, 7.00 to 8.75; bidding 50c lower on better kind; bidding 5.00 to 5.50 on best fat cows; vealers, 25c lower; best kind around 10.00; stockers and feeders, steady.

Hog receipts, 20,000; 50c to 75c lower; some bids 1.00 lower; early top, 9.10; bulk of sales, 8.40 to 9.00; good and choice fat pigs, 8.50 to 9.00.

Sheep receipts, 6,000; best ewes, 35c to 50c higher; other killing classes, sheep and lambs, steady to 25c higher; heavyweight ewes, 5.50; yearlings, 9.50; native lambs, 11.35.

**Weather Forecast.** Illinois, Missouri and Iowa: Fair tonight and Wednesday; slightly colder tonight.

Wisconsin: Fair tonight and Wednesday, except snow flurries in north portion tonight; colder tonight; stronger westerly winds diminishing.

Indiana: Generally fair and colder tonight and Wednesday, except probably snow flurries in extreme north portion tonight.

**Chicago Livestock.** Chicago, Dec. 14.—Cattle receipts, 15,000. Bologna bulls, steady; good and choice, 5.75 to 6.00; calves, steady; best vealers, 10.00; bulk, 9.00 to 9.50; canners, 25c lower, mostly 3.25 to 3.50; practically nothing doing on all other classes; market looks weak to lower.

Hogs receipts, 56,000; mostly 40c to 50c lower than yesterday's average; part load early, 9.25; practical top, 9.15; bulk, 8.80 to 9.10; pigs, 25c to 40c lower; bulk desirable, 80 to 130 pound pigs, 8.30 to 9.15.

Sheep receipts, 13,000; considering wet fleeces, killing classes strong to 25c higher; no early sales choice fat lambs; heavy yearlings, 10.00; best fat ewes, early, 5.75; feeders, steady.

**New York Sugar.** New York, Dec. 14.—Raw sugar quiet at 4.74 for centrifugal. Refined, unchanged at 8½¢ to 8¼¢.

## LARGE DEALING MARKS MARKET UPWARD TURNS

New York, Dec. 14.—Dealings on the stock market were the first hour today were almost as large as the heavy turnover of the previous day, but most offerings were freely absorbed. Contrary to expectations, there was virtually no "cash" selling. Soft spots were represented by motor specialties, minor steels, coppers, Sears Roebuck and Peoples' Gas at recessions of 1 to 2½ points. Oils continued to feature the general rally at extreme gains of 2 to 5 points and shipments, equipments and rails of the better class also made further upward progress. Central of New Jersey recovered a large part of yesterday's 15 point loss. The market eased moderately before noon, but in the main the tone remained firm. Call money opened at 7 per cent.

**NEW YORK CURE**

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That with Pruett's arrest it is thought that it will not be long before Abe Rubenstein is apprehended. The failure of Pruett to recognize Van Brunt also aided in his release.

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No effort has been made as yet to prove the story of Hill's movements on the night of the murder, but all of the men to whom he refers in his story will be called to verify the statements.

**PELLETT NAMED AS SUPERINTENDENT OF M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

At a meeting of the official Sunday school board of the First Methodist church, held last night, Ray C. Pellett was reelected as superintendent of the Sunday school to serve during the coming year. J. R. Sheats was named as assistant superintendent, Miss Rose Joybusch was elected secretary and Miss Ella Johnson treasurer. Plans for the Christmas program were completed and the work already started was reported to be progressing rapidly. Part of the collection taken at the Christmas program will be used in aiding the starving children of central and southeastern Europe.

**BOONE PROPERTY SOLD AT AUCTION.**

Arthur Bell of Aledo purchased the 80-acre farm of the late Mrs. George Boone, which is located five miles southeast of Joy and five miles southwest of Aledo, at auction yesterday. The Boone property of Aledo, which consists of a city residence and two lots on West Fifth street, was sold to J. S. McCreight of Aledo.

**GEORGE HOME.**

Myer Gebreich, who took up a claim in a homestead in Wyoming last summer, returned yesterday. He plans to return to his claim in the spring.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

## TODAY IN ALEDO AND MERCER COUNTY

## VAN BRUNT IS RELEASED; RED NO. 2 DOWNCAST

Friends Prove Alibi for Augusta Man—Red No. 1 Passes Time Drawing Pictures.

Lorenzo Van Brunt of Augusta, arrested as Abe Rubenstein, who with a man known as "Red," held up the poker game in Aledo on Sept. 15, was released yesterday, following the testimony before the state's attorney of a number of witnesses who proved that he was not Abe Rubenstein and was not in Aledo at the time of the murder of Robert Swearingen.

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**MISS BASSETT HOSTESS.**

Miss Bess Bassett entertained the P. E. O. yesterday afternoon at her home on North Locust street. Roll call was answered by giving Christmas thoughts. Book reports were given by Mrs. Bess Cabene on "Why the Chimes Rang" by Alden and "The Return of Christmas" by Bangs. A splendid attendance of the club is reported. This meeting is the last one to be held by the club this year.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY.**

George Hebel entertained a number of boy friends last night at a dinner party at his home on North College avenue. The event was in honor of his 14th birthday. Covers were laid for seven at a decorated table, the centerpiece of which was a birthday cake with candles. After dinner, the guests were entertained by a show. The guests were Frederick and Rock Blazer, Charles Carlstrom, Merced David, Edward Watson and Harlan Lane.

**GEORGE HOME.**